# Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space

GUIDE







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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. OUR MISSION IS YOU.

Every day, every employee is working to provide you with the best in parks and recreation while protecting invaluable cultural, historic and natural resources for the benefit of generations to come. From a captivating conversation with a park ranger to the excellent condition of our golf courses, our efforts are dedicated to your enjoyment.

Recreational offerings are boundless, and we believe that every person who picks up this guide will find it of value. I'd like to thank the department staff for contributing to the production of this guide, and many thanks to the Reno Gazette-Journal's Custom Publishing Group for helping us organize, illustrate and produce an encompassing directory of services.

As an organization, we remain flexible in our ongoing efforts to meet the recreational needs of our community. I encourage you to keep checking our Web site, washoecountyparks.com, for updates and invite you to take full advantage of all we have to offer.



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#### How To Use This Guide

Whether you're looking for places to go hiking, camping or skateboarding, or just want to explore the Washoe County parks and facilities in your neighborhood, this is the guide for you.

#### **PARKS**

This section provides descriptions of parks and facilities in your area. It is divided into four districts:

- MT. ROSE DISTRICT
  Covering the south Reno and Galena areas
- PAH RAH DISTRICT
  Encompassing the Spanish Springs/Sun Valley area up through North Valleys and Gerlach
- PEAVINE DISTRICT

  Comprised of the northwest Reno area to Verdi and Stead
- SLIDE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
  Covering the Washoe Valley area and parts of south Reno

### PARKS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER WITHIN EACH DISTRICT.

Some park listings reference the Recreation Section for more details on a particular activity. For example, the Bartley Ranch Regional Park listing refers to the Recreation Section's equestrian and hiking categories. There, you'll learn about other parks that offer equestrian and hiking options.

#### RECREATION

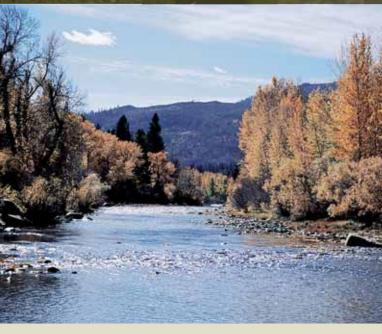
Explore all of your options in a particular recreation category, such as aquatics or equestrian activities, in this section. Find those and other recreation categories listed in alphabetical order with a list of all the parks and facilities where you can indulge in that activity. Pick a park — next to each park name is the page number of its listing in the Parks Section so you can find out more about the park or facility you plan to visit.

#### RENTAL FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS

Interested in renting a parks facility, enrolling your child in a Washoe County summer camp or taking the family to an organized park outing? This section provides information on all those activities, as well as the Washoe County Parks television show, "Washoe Trails."

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WASHOE COUNTY PARKS are as diverse and distinctive as the Northern Nevada region we call home. Galena Creek Regional Park embraces the alpine splendor of the eastern Sierra, Sun Valley Regional Park features dramatic desert rock outcroppings, and river parks such as Mayberry Park are an outlet to the ever-changing mood of the Truckee River.

Bartley Ranch and Rancho San Rafael Regional Parks help preserve the area's important ranching heritage while Bowers Mansion Regional Park, the Galena Fish Hatchery and Jumbo Grade trailhead remind us of the impact of the Comstock silver boom of the 1800s.

Places such as the Westbrook Community Center in Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park and the Huffaker Hills trailhead pay tribute to the people who played important roles in developing our community.

Each of the parks listed below offer unique and fascinating reasons to visit. Rangers and staff are a great source of information and insight – all good reasons to visit as many and as often as you can.

# MT. ROSE DISTRICT

#### PARKS AND FACILITIES



To contact the Mt. Rose District Office, call (775) 828-6612.

To reserve park facilities, call (775) 823-6501.

#### ANDERSON PARK:

Del Monte Lane near Davis Lane, Reno. The park has 70 acres of ranch land interspersed with hiking and equestrian trails. Picnic areas are in the park's east side, one off Yoakam Lane and one at the southern end of Kietzke Lane. (See equestrian, page 24-25; see trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### ARROWCREEK PARK:

2950 Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno. The park has a playground, group picnic shelter (non-reservable), individual picnic tables, a portable restroom and a small outdoor amphitheater. It has access to Thomas Creek trail and three parking spaces for horse trailers. (See equestrian, page 24-25; see trailheads, page 28-29.)

# BARTLEY RANCH REGIONAL PARK:

6000 Bartley Ranch Road., Reno, (775) 828-6612. Cross the park's covered bridge and enter an area where Nevada's

Western heritage comes to life. The historic one-room Huffaker Schoolhouse is fully restored and available for special occasions, as are the park's Western Heritage Interpretive Center, Brick House and Hawkins Amphitheater. Other park highlights include a horse arena and warm-up arena, four group picnic areas with barbecues, individual picnic sites and a variety of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. (See equestrian, page 24-25; see trailheads, page 28-29.)



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# PHILLIP AND ANNIE CALLAHAN PARK:

15960 Callahan Ranch Road, Reno (off Mt. Rose Highway). Phillip and Annie Callahan Park has a non-reservable group picnic area with barbecue, a playground, horseshoe pits, individual picnic sites, water fountains and a paved pathway. It's in close proximity to the Galena Creek trail adjacent to historical Galena School House.

(See trailheads, page 28-29.)

# ELIZABETH LENZ SCHOOL PARK:

2500 Homeland Drive, Reno.

A joint-use facility with the school and neighboring community, the park features a multi-use athletic field and playground.

#### ELLEN'S PARK:

12450 Creek Crest Drive, Reno.

The park has a playground, a covered group picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and a horseshoe pit. (See tennis, page 27.)

GALENA FISH HATCHERY: GALENA CREEK REGIONAL PARK 18350 Mt. Rose

Highway, Reno. The historic building serves as a reminder of the enormous amount of natural resources needed to sustain the sea of humanity attracted to Nevada's Comstock Lode in the 1800s and the subsequent need to replenish a ravaged ecosystem. The restored hatchery is available to the public from May through October to rent for meetings, events and other special occasions.

#### Galena Creek Regional Park:

18350 Mt. Rose Highway, Reno, (775) 849-2511. Nestled in a forested area on the eastern slope of the Sierra, the park is popular year-round. Galena Creek flows through the center of the park. Features include the historic





Galena Fish Hatchery, Stone House Visitors Center, Camp We Ch Me overnight group camping lodge, two group picnic areas and more than 60 individual picnic sites with barbecues, a nature trail, fishing at Marilyn's Pond, summer campfire programs, a winter snow play hill and snowshoeing. The park has access to Jones Creek/Whites Creek Loop trails and portals to Mt. Rose Wilderness area. (See camping, page 23; fishing, page 25; trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### GALENA SCHOOLHOUSE:

**16000 Callahan Ranch Road, Reno.** The historic oneroom schoolhouse that once served south Reno's ranching families will be preserved and renovated as a community-use building as funds become available.

#### Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park:

**6000 Bartley Ranch Road, Reno.** The Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater is one of the region's most popular venues for summer concerts. From May through October, the Hawkins Amphitheater hosts

performances by local community groups and international stars. Visit the Web site www. hawkinsamphitheater. com for the latest on shows and tickets.

#### HIDDEN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK:

4740 Parkway Drive, Reno. The 480-acre park in southeast Reno features a designated dog park, a horse arena, a covered group picnic area, individual picnic areas, tennis courts, a multi-use athletic field, a volleyball court,



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a playground, and hiking, biking and equestrian trails. (See dogs, page 24; equestrian, page 24-25; tennis, page 27; trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### RIVERMOUNT PARK:

**1755 Daniel Webster Drive, Reno.** The small, restful getaway has a grassy area and shade trees.

#### SADDLEHORN PARK:

4183 Saddlehorn Drive (at Thomas Creek Road), Reno. The park features a playground, tennis court, group picnic area, restrooms, volleyball court, basketball half-court and a paved walking path. (See tennis, page 27.)

#### THOMAS CREEK PARK:

12875 Thomas Creek Road, Reno. The park affords vistas of the Truckee Meadows and the Carson Range. Facilities include tennis, volleyball and basketball courts; a playground; individual picnic sites; a paved walking path; and benches for relaxing and enjoying the view. (See tennis, page 27.)

#### WHITES CREEK PARK:

Telluride Drive at Killington Circle, south Reno. The scenic park located along Whites Creek includes a playground, a multiuse athletic field and individual picnic sites with barbecues. (See equestrian, page 24-25; see trailheads, page 28-29.)



# PAH RAH DISTRICT

PARKS AND FACILITIES



To contact the Pah Rah District Office, call (775) 424-1866.

To reserve park facilities, call (775) 823-6501.

#### COLD Springs Park:

3355 White Lake Parkway, Cold Springs. The neighborhood park features a community center with kitchen and restrooms that may be rented for business meetings or social events, a playground, picnic sites, basketball and volleyball courts, a baseball field, a multi-use athletic field, a skateboard park and jogging trail. (See athletic fields, page 21-22; skateboard parks, page 27.)

# DESERT WINDS PARK:

**105 Ember Drive, Spanish Springs**. The neighborhood park has a playground, horseshoe pits, and shaded group and individual picnic areas.

# EAGLE CANYON PARK:

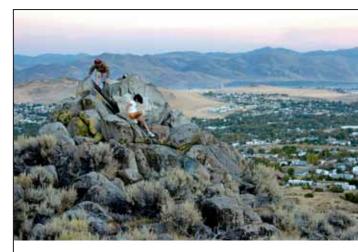
400 Eagle Canyon Drive, Spanish Springs. The

neighborhood park boasts a playground, youth baseball fields, multi-use athletic field, exercise stations, horseshoes, and several individual picnic sites and a covered group site. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)

#### FOREST PARK:

Forest Park Drive, Cold Springs. Located in the Woodland Hills subdivision, this park has a playground, a picnic area, basketball courts and a multiuse athletic field.







#### GATOR SWAMP PARK:

255 Egyptian Drive, Sparks. The neighborhood park next to Alyce Taylor Elementary School features a playground, a multi-use athletic field, individual picnic areas and a shaded group picnic area, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and a walking path. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)

#### GEPFORD PARK:

**5350 Leon Drive, Sun Valley.** The park has a playground, three youth baseball fields, basketball courts, a shaded group picnic area and individual picnic sites. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)

#### GERLACH COMMUNITY PARK:

**360 Short St., Gerlach.** The park offers a playground and picnic tables with barbecues.

#### GERLACH WATER TOWER PARK

**400 Main St., Gerlach.** The park has picnic areas.

# GOLDEN VALLEY PARK: 7490 Hillview Drive, Reno.

The park boasts a playground, a horse arena, youth baseball fields, tennis courts and a small group picnic area. (See athletic fields, page 21-22; equestrian, page 24-25; tennis, page 27.)

#### Highland Ranch Park:

1200 Highland Ranch Parkway, Sun Valley. The park offers access to BLM land for hiking and views of both the Sierra Nevada and Spanish Springs valley. Features include a playground, a multi-use athletic field, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, individual picnic sites and a covered group picnic area. (See trailheads, page 28-29.)

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#### LAZY 5 REGIONAL PARK:

7100 Pyramid Lake Highway, Spanish Springs, (775) 424-1866. Named for a ranch that previously operated in the area, the park includes a 2,400-squarefoot community center with an outdoor patio and barbecue area, the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park, two playgrounds, group and individual picnic areas, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and two multi-use athletic fields. The Orr Ditch provides a lush, riparian corridor through the center of the park. The community center is available for business and social rentals. and the park is host to a variety of recreational programs and classes. Call for details. (See aquatics, page 21; athletic fields, page 21-22;

skateboard parks, page 27.)

# LEMMON VALLEY PARK:

325 Patrician Drive, Lemmon Valley. Adjacent to the Lemmon Valley Elementary School, the 10-acre park features a playground, three vouth baseball fields, a multi-use athletic field, tennis and basketball courts and a shaded group picnic area. The community center is available for social and business rentals. (See athletic fields. page 21-22; tennis, page 27.)

#### LEMMON VALLEY HORSEMAN'S ARENA:

#### 11400 Deodar Way, Lemmon Valley.

The Lemmon
Valley Horseman's
Arena includes a
full-size and two
small arenas, an
announcer's stand,
concession stand,
playground,
covered picnic
area and a
restroom. (See
equestrian, page
24-25.)



#### Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Park:

**305 Coretta Way, Black Springs.** Home to the Westbrook Community Center that can be reserved for meetings and social gatherings, the park also has a covered picnic area, playground and basketball court.

#### MELIO GASPARI WATER PLAY PARK:

Lazy 5 Regional Park, 7100
Pyramid Lake Highway, Spanish
Springs, (775) 424-1865. With a
variety of water features to splash
and play in, the Melio Gaspari
Water Play Park is one of the
area's favorite places for kids to
cool off. During the summer,
the park is open daily, including
holidays. There are two shaded
picnic areas that may be reserved
for birthday parties and other
special occasions. (See aquatics,
page 21.)

# REGIONAL SHOOTING FACILITY:

**21555 Pyramid Lake Highway, Sparks,** (775) 475-2991. The Regional Shooting Facility is open to the public Friday through Monday. The public range has several target

placement distances, from 15 to 200 yards, plus gongs at longer ranges. Scopes, ear protection and targets are available for nominal fees. Call the range master for details or match schedules. (See shooting, page 27.)

#### SIERRA ROCK PARK: 17770 Sweet Gum

Drive, Cold Springs. The neighborhood park features a playground, basketball hoops, a picnic area, and open turf.

# SILVER KNOLLS PARK:

11300 W. Silver
Knolls Blvd. (off
Red Rock Road),
Reno. The park has
a playground, youth
baseball fields, a
multi-use athletic
field, group and
individual picnic
areas, a small horse
arena, a multipurpose field and
hiking trails. (See
equestrian, page 24-25;
trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### SKY RANCH PARK:

**8900 La Posada Drive, Spanish Springs.** The park features a



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playground, youth baseball field, individual picnic areas, a shaded group picnic area and restrooms. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)

### SUN VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK:

115 W. Sixth Ave., Sun Valley, (775) 424-1866. Park features include a skate park, BMX track, adult baseball field, multi-use field, basketball court and a volleyball court. The Mary Hansen Teen Center, operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, also is in the park. In the summer, the Sun Valley swimming pool is open for public swim and lessons. The Community Center is available for business and social rentals. (See aquatics, page 21; athletic fields, page 21-22; skateboard parks, page 27.)

# SUN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK:

North end of Sidehill Drive, Sun Valley. Expected to open by early 2008, this regional park will include views of Mount Rose, vast rock outcroppings, hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails, group and individual picnic areas with barbecues and restrooms.

#### SWAN LAKE NATURE STUDY AREA:

East end of Lear **Boulevard off** Military Road, Stead. A nationally recognized birdwatching area, Swan Lake Nature Study Area is just minutes from the greater Reno-Sparks area. Swan Lake is a designated Important Bird Area because of its unusually diverse population of birds, including swans. A 600-foot long boardwalk takes visitors into the wetlands area. The park also features a number of hiking trails and a portable restroom. (See trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### VILLAGE CENTER PARK

18755 Village Center Drive.

Scheduled to open in 2007, this 13-acre park will have three soccer fields, a group picnic shelter and a play area. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)

# PEAVINE DISTRICT

PARKS AND FACILITIES



To contact the Peavine District Office, call (775) 785-4512.

To reserve park facilities, call (775) 823-6501.

#### AMBROSE PARK:

River Lane at Rainshadow Lane, Reno. The park has Truckee River access, fishing and bird/wildlife viewing. (See fishing, page 25.)

# BETSY CAUGHLIN DONNELLY PARK:

**3295 Mayberry Drive, Reno.** The picturesque, 30-acre park features walking trails and benches with views of the Sierra Nevada. A 20-acre irrigated pasture offers a pastoral reminder of region's ranching heritage.

#### CRYSTAL PEAK PARK:

Old Highway 40, Verdi. On the site of a 19th-century railroad settlement reputed to be the rowdiest town in Western Nevada, Crystal Peak was named for the crystallized gold quartz found nearby. The park offers Truckee River access, individual picnic sites with barbecues, horseshoes, restrooms and a riverside

trail with scenic views of the Sierra. A popular fishing park, it is located just downstream from a "trophy fish" section of the Truckee River. (See fishing, page 25; trailheads, page 28-29.)

### DOROSTKAR PARK:

Mayberry Drive and the Truckee River, Reno. The park has three picnic tables, a nature trail, a paved bike path and Truckee River access. It's a popular fishing spot. (See fishing, page 25; trailheads, page 28-29.)





#### Great Basin Adventure Park:

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, 1595 N. Sierra St., Reno, (775) 785-4844,

#### www.maycenter.com.

The Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure is geared to young children and has become a popular area for birthday parties. Guests can enjoy the log flume ride, pony rides, meeting the animals at Wilbur's Ranch petting farm and playing at the dinosaur playground. Great Basin Adventure is only open during the summer. Call or visit the Web site for admission prices, hours and program information.

# May Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, 1595 N. Sierra St., Reno, (775) 785-4153, www.maycenter.com. The Wilbur D. May Arboretum

The Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden is a museum and educational resource

illustrating how plant life adapts and survives in the rugged climate between the Sierra Nevada and Great Basin. Walking paths, gazebos and numerous benches provide access and comfort for garden visitors. Several outdoor gardens may be rented for weddings. The Memorial Tree program helps sustain a living memory of loved ones. The Arboretum enjoys continued support from the Wilbur May Foundation, members of the Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society and the community at large.



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#### MAY MUSEUM:

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, 1595 N. Sierra St., Reno, (775) 785-5961. A cascading waterfall and indoor garden welcome you to the Wilbur D. May Museum and its adjoining exhibit halls. The museum presents collections from Wilbur D. May's life as a Nevada rancher and his numerous world travels. The museum is open year-round and offers special exhibits and programs. The gift store offers a variety of fun and educational items. Hours change with the seasons and admission fees vary with exhibits. Group rates and guided tours are available by appointment. Call for current information. The indoor garden court and museum rooms may be rented for weddings and special events.

#### Mayberry Park:

688 White Fir St., Reno. Located along the Truckee River, Mayberry Park has 11 picnic sites, fishing and access to the Truckee River bike path. The park offers an excellent location for birdwatching. (See fishing, page 25; trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### Mogul Park:

#### 110 Mogul Mountain Drive, Mogul.

The park has a playground, tennis, volleyball and, basketball courts, a winter sledding area, a bicycle/ pedestrian trail, a fitness course, horseshoe pits and picnic sites. (See tennis, page 27.)

#### North Valleys Regional Park:

8085 Silver Lake
Road, Stead. (775)
971-8561. In the
heart of high desert
open space, this
regional park offers
a large community
center, a skate park,
four youth baseball
and six multipurpose fields,
volleyball courts,
a playground, a
walking path,
reservable group





picnic areas and individual picnic sites. The community center building is available for business and social rentals. (See athletic fields, page 21-22; skateboard parks, page 27.)

#### Rancho San Rafael Regional Park:

1595 N. Sierra St., Reno, (775) 785-4512. Less than a mile from downtown Reno, the park's 600 acres of manicured turf, natural desert and wetland habitats are popular with locals and visitors. The park provides four covered picnic areas for group and family use, nature and walking trails, a playground, a multiuse pasture area and plenty of room to play in the sun or relax under a tree. The park also is home to the Wilbur May Center, comprised of the Wilbur D. May Museum, May Arboretum and

Botanical Garden and the Wilbur May Great Basin Adventure. The restored Ranch House may be reserved for meetings and special events. (See fishing, page 25; trailheads, page 28-29.)

#### VERDI SCHOOL PARK/ HISTORIC VERDI SCHOOLHOUSE:

#### ${\bf Bridge\ Street,\ Verdi.}$

The park has tennis and basketball courts, a youth baseball field, handball court and playground. The historic Verdi Schoolhouse is across the street. The Washoe County Parks Department plans to restore this historic landmark as a community use facility as funding becomes available. (See tennis, page 27.)



	Park	Aquatics	Athletic fields	Camping	Dogs	Equestrian	Fishing	Golf	Ice skating	Picnic area	Playground	Reservable facilities *	Restrooms/ portable restroom	Shooting	Skateboard parks	Tennis	Trailheads	Map coordinates	Page number
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	Gator Swamp Park		•							•	•		•					C1	8
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	Gerlach Water Tower Park									•			•						8
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	Ambrose Park						•											В3	12
	Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park																	В3	12
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<sup>\*</sup> Find out how to reserve a parks facility on page 31.

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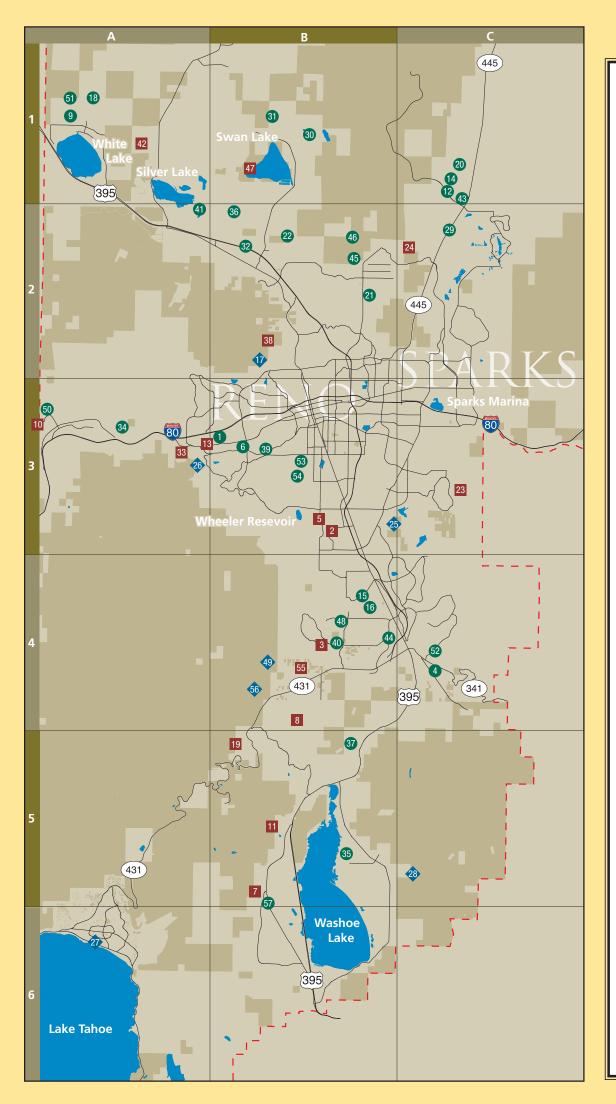
MAP

#### How to use this map

EXPLORE ALL THE PARKS
WASHOE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER JUST USE THIS HANDY MAP WHEN YOU
SET OUT ON YOUR ADVENTURES.

- The map, which folds out into three panels, gives you a general idea of where Washoe County parks are located. A key on the right-hand side lists Washoe County parks, facilities and trailheads in alphabetical order. Once you've found the park you're looking for, check the icon by the name that will indicate if it's a park with trails, a park/recreational facility or a stand-alone trailhead. Next to each park name, you'll find a number that corresponds with the park's number on the map. To make it easier to find, the key also indicates where that number falls on the grid. For example, Ambrose Park, No. 1 alphabetically, is located in the B3 position on the map.
- Flip the map over to find an easy-use grid that tells you what types of activities/facilities are available at the park. On this grid, parks are listed by district Washoe County divides its parks into four districts: Mt. Rose, Pah Rah, Peavine and Slide Mountain then by alphabetical order. For example, at Anderson Park (the first listing in the Mt. Rose district), you'll find equestrian trails, picnic areas, restrooms/portable restrooms and trailheads. The grid also includes the park's coordinates on the map, and the page number in the book where you can learn more about the park, including its address.

THIS AT-A-GLANCE MAP AND GRID WILL GET YOU STARTED ON YOUR TOUR OF WASHOE COUNTY PARKS.



# MAP KEY

PARK	WITH	TRAILS

Park and Recreational Facilities
Trailheads
FEDERAL LANDS
<ul> <li>– Washoe County Border</li> </ul>
1 Ambrose ParkB3
2 Anderson ParkB3
3 ArrowCreek Park
4 Bailey Creek Park
5 Bartley Ranch Region park
6 Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park
7 Bowers Mansion Regional Park B5 8 Callahan Park B4
9 Cold Springs Park
10 Crystal Peak Park
11 Davis Creek Park
12 Desert Winds Park
13 Dorostkar Park
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# SLIDE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

#### PARKS AND FACILITIES



To contact the Slide Mountain District Office, call (775) 849-1825.

To reserve park facilities, call (775) 823-6501.

#### BAILEY CREEK PARK:

14770 Granite Mine Court, Reno. The park has a nonreservable group picnic shelter, individual picnic sites, a portable restroom, a basketball court, lawn play area and access to Bailey Creek Wash.

#### BOWERS MANSION:

Bowers Mansion Regional Park, 4005 U.S. 395, Washoe Valley, (775) 849-0201. The historic Bowers Mansion offers a glimpse into Nevada life during the 1860s. The mansion was built in 1864 by Comstock millionaires L.S. "Sandy" Bowers and his



wife, Allison Oram. Their story reflects the rags-to-richesto-rags tales so commonly associated with Nevada's first silver boom. Along with the history, visitors can enjoy the beauty of the mansion's 16 rooms, each furnished with Victorian antiques. Daily tours of the mansion are offered during the summer.

#### Bowers Mansion Regional Park:

4005 U.S. 395, Washoe Valley, (775) 849-1825. Located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, the park boasts views of the Washoe Valley. Facilities include a seasonal swimming pool, playground, group and individual picnic areas and the historic Bowers Mansion. (See aquatics, page 21; trailheads, page 28-29)



#### Davis Creek Regional Park:

25 Davis Creek Road, Washoe Valley, (775) 849-0684. With outstanding views of Washoe Lake and Slide Mountain, the park also includes a campground and day-use area with a small scenic pond upon which non-motorized boats are allowed. The pond is great for fishing during the summer. During the coldest months of winter, the pond freezes, creating an ice skating area that is

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free to the public.
Nature trails are
marked for a selfguided hike among
the native flora
and fauna. Call
to arrange group
hikes exploring
the wilderness
surrounding
Davis Creek. (See
camping, page 23;
equestrian, page
24-25; fishing,

24-25; fishing, page 25; ice skating, page 26; trailheads, page 28-29.)

# **PARKS**

HIKE B CYCLE B TREK B CLIMB



# NEW WASHOE CITY PARK:

2400 Lakeshore Drive, New Washoe City. Located near the intersection of Lakeshore and White Pine drives in Washoe Valley, the park features a baseball field (permit only); basketball, volleyball and tennis courts; a playground; and picnic areas. (See athletic fields, page 21-22; tennis, page 27.)

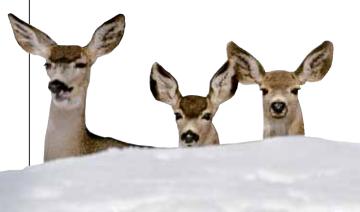
#### PLEASANT VALLEY PARK:

**West Laramie Road, Pleasant Valley.** The park features a playground, portable restroom and individual picnic areas.

#### SOUTH VALLEYS REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX

15650 Wedge Parkway, Reno.

A popular spot in south Reno for youth leagues, the sports complex features youth baseball and soccer fields, a playground, and group and individual picnic areas. (See athletic fields, page 21-22.)





#### Virginia Foothills Park:

13400 Rim Rock Drive (at Mira Loma Road), Reno. The 15-acre park has tennis and volleyball courts, covered group picnic areas, horseshoe pits, a playground, an exercise cluster, a fitness trail, a baseball field, a multi-use athletic field, portable restrooms and drinking fountains. (See athletic fields, page 21-22; see tennis, page 27.)

### WILSON COMMONS PARK:

**4970 Susan Lee Circle, Washoe Valley.** A unique cultural gem, Wilson
Commons Ranch was once

visited by the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt. was the site of the Washoe Valley's first structure, and has one of Nevada's few remaining flyproof privies. A 100year-old barn and ranch outbuildings are on site among 20 acres of irrigated pasture, a fishing pond, a group picnic area, horseshoe pits, a volleyball court and benches from which to enjoy views of Washoe Valley and the Sierra Nevada. (See fishing, page 25.)



# RECREATION



#### EVERYONE HAS A DIFFERENT APPROACH

TO RECREATION. For some, it's a vigorous hike or challenging round of golf. Others prefer competing in an athletic event or fine-tuning their equestrian skills. There's also fishing, frisbee or just relaxing in the shade. Recreation can mean all of the above, or simply spending quality time with family and friends. Whatever your passion, Washoe County Parks have a place for you.





#### AQUATICS

The best way to spend a hot, dry Northern Nevada afternoon is in a cool, clear pool of water. Bowers Mansion and Sun Valley pools offer open swim from noon to 5 p.m. daily during the summer. Swimming and lifeguard lessons are available at both pools. For information about pool programs and special events, call (775) 674-8555 or check the Web site www. washoecountyparks.com.

#### Bowers Mansion Pool, Bowers Mansion Regional

Park (see page 16). Nestled in historic Washoe Valley, Bowers Mansion pool has a diving board, baby pool, lap lane and many shaded areas for picnicking and relaxing in the adjacent park.

Details: (775) 849-0644.

### Sun Valley Pool, Sun Valley Community Park (see page

11.) With its popular threetube slide, Sun Valley Pool also offers a baby pool, lap lanes and several shaded structures.

Details: (775) 673-0754.

#### Melio Gaspari Water Play Park, Lazy 5 Regional Park (see

page 10.) The Melio Gaspari Water Play Park is one of the area's favorite places for kids to splash. Open daily during the summer, the park includes shaded picnic areas that may be reserved for birthday parties and other special occasions.

Details: (775) 424-1801.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS

Athletic fields are available at parks throughout Washoe County, and many parks offer open turf areas that may be used for informal athletic activities. To accommodate youth and adult sport leagues, permitholders may have priority on some fields.

Details: (775) 971-8566.

# RECREATION

PARKS AND FACILITIES



#### Baseball Fields

**Cold Springs Park** (see page 7): One youth field

**Eagle Canyon Park** (see page 7): Two youth fields

Gator Swamp Park (see page 8): One youth field

**Gepford Park** (see page 8): Three youth fields

**Golden Valley Park** 

(see page 8): One youth field, one regulation field

**Lemmon Valley Park** (see page 9): Three youth fields

**New Washoe City Park** 

(see page 18): Regulation baseball field

North Valleys Regional

Park (see page 14): Four youth fields

**Sky Ranch Park** (see page 10): One youth field

South Valleys Regional Sports Complex (see page

18): Four youth fields

Sun Valley Community Park (see page 11):

One regulation field

Virginia Foothills Park

(see page 19): One youth field

MULTI-PURPOSE TURF FIELDS

**Eagle Canyon** 

(see page 7): One field

Lazy 5 Regional Park (see page 9): Two fields

Lemmon Valley Park (see page 9): One field

North Valleys Regional Park (see page 14): Six fields

South Valleys Regional Sports Complex (see page 18): Four fields

Sun Valley Community Park (see page 11):One field

Village Center Park (see page 11):

Three soccer fields

Virginia Foothills Park (see page 19): One field





#### **CAMPING**

#### **Davis Creek Regional Park**

(see page 17): The park has an easily accessible camping area in a forest of Jeffrey pines along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada. Sixtytwo overnight campsites are available on a first-come, firstserve basis. Although there are no hook-ups, longer travel trailers can be accommodated at 19 sites. Hot showers and a dump station are available yearround. Group camping and picnic facilities are available by reservation. Campfire programs are held on Saturday nights during the summer.

Camp We Ch Me, Galena Creek Regional Park (see page 4-5): It's so easy to get away: The lodge at Camp We Ch Me is open May through October. It offers 12 bunkrooms, a large kitchen and a spacious common room. A maximum of 94 people, including staff can be accommodated.



# RECREATION

PARKS AND FACILITIES





#### Dogs

Washoe County leash laws apply to all parks and trails. Those laws require dogs to be on leash in all areas not designated as offleash. Dogs are not permitted at Bowers Mansion Regional Park. In some areas, dogs are restricted to protect wildlife and landscaping. A designated offleash dog park is located within Hidden Valley Regional Park (see page 5-6):

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Lemmon Valley Horseman's
Arena (see page 9) includes
a full-size and small arena, an
announcer's stand, bleachers,
concession stand, covered picnic

area, playground and a restroom.

Details:
(775) 823-6500.

MORE HORSE ARENAS ARE LOCATED AT:

Bartley Ranch Regional Park (page 3)

Hidden Valley Regional Park (page 5-6)

Golden Valley Park (page 8)

Silver Knolls Park (page 10)

ACCESS TO HORSE TRAILS IS AVAILABLE AT:

Anderson Park (see page 3)

ArrowCreek Park (see page 3)

Bartley Ranch Regional Park (see page 3)



Davis Creek Regional Park (see page 17)

Hidden Valley Regional Park (see page 5-6)

Hunter Creek trailhead (see Trailheads, page 28-29)

Jumbo Grade trailhead (see Trailheads, page 28-29)

Silver Knolls Park (see page 10)

Thomas Creek trailhead (see Trailheads, page 28-29)

Whites Creek Park (no horse trailer parking, (see page 6)

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#### FISHING

Grab that tackle box – Washoe County parks have plenty to lure you. Fishing is available at **Marilyn's Pond** inside Galena Creek Regional Park (see page 4-5)

Herman's Pond at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park (see page 15)

Davis Creek Regional Park (see page 17)

Wilson Commons
Park (see page 19)

PARKS
ACCESS
TO THE
TRUCKEE
RIVER FOR
FISHING:

Ambrose Park (see page 12)

Crystal Peak Park (see page 12)

Dorostkar Park (see page 12)

Mayberry Park (see page 14)



# RECREATION

#### PARKS AND FACILITIES



#### Golf

Washoe County provides affordable, challenging golf to the public at two quality courses.

Washoe Golf Course

2601 S. Arlington Ave., Reno. Reno's oldest course is located near downtown Reno. This par-72 course offers a challenging round of affordable golf with spectacular views of Reno and the Sierra Nevada. A preferred place for tournaments, "The Shoe" offers a driving range, putting green, chipping area with practice bunkers, a full-service restaurant and PGA professionals to help you improve your game.

Details: (775) 828-6640.

Details: (775) 828-6640, www.washoegolf.org.

#### SIERRA SAGE GOLF COURSE

**6355 Silver Lake Road, Stead.** This 18-hole, par-72 course located 15 minutes north of Reno features high desert golf



at its finest and most affordable. A great place to host tournaments. the course has amenities including active men's and ladies' clubs, a pro shop, driving range, putting greens and bunker, and a full-service restaurant/bar. PGA professionals are on staff; group and private lessons are offered. Details: (775) 972-1564, www. sierrasagegolf.org.

#### ICE Skating

The pond at Davis Creek Regional Park (see page 17) is a natural, outdoor ice-skating area open to the public for free skating as weather conditions allow. Hours of operation coincide with park hours. Weather conditions change rapidly, so skaters are advised to call ahead for updates on skating conditions. No skate rentals are available at the park. Details: (775) 849-0684.



# SHOOTING FACILITY

Skateboard p
The 630-acre Regional
Shooting Facility (see page 10)
includes one public range with
target placements at 15, 25, 50,
100 and 200 yards. Gongs are
located at 300, 400, 500, 600
and 700 yards. Other ranges
are available for club use and
military and law enforcement
training. Scopes, ear protection
and targets are available for
nominal fees. Call the range
master for further details or
match schedules.

Details: (775) 475-2991.

#### SKATEBOARD PARKS

Skateboard parks for skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, non-motorized scooters and in-line skates are at:

Cold Springs Park (see page 7)

Lazy 5 Regional Park (see page 9)

Sun Valley Community Park (see page 11)

North Valleys Regional Park (see page 14)

Hours of operation coincide with park hours. Users are required to wear proper safety gear.

#### **TENNIS**

The Washoe County Tennis Complex on Moana Lane offers six courts, a judging stand, a practice backboard, a picnic area and restrooms.

Tennis courts also are available at: Ellen's Park (see page 4)

Golden Valley Park (see page 8)

Hidden Valley Regional Park (see page 5-6)

Lemmon Valley Park (see page 9)

Mogul Park (see page 14)

New Washoe City Park (see page 18)

Saddlehorn Park (see page 6)

Thomas Creek Park (see page 6)

Verdi School Park (see page 15)

Virginia Foothills Park (see page 19)

# RECREATION

PARKS AND FACILITIES



#### Trailheads

Washoe County parks offer a variety of trailheads for hiking, bike riding and horseback riding. Here is a list of parks with trails, as well as standalone trailheads operated by Washoe County parks, followed by available amenities.

Anderson Park (see page 3): Parking; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

ArrowCreek Park (see page 3): Parking; restroom; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

Bartley Ranch Regional Park (see page 3): Parking; restrooms; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

Bowers Mansion Regional Park (see page 16): Parking, restrooms, pedestrian and mountain bike trails, wildlife viewing.

**Callahan Park** (see page 4): Parking, restroom, pedestrian and mountain bike trails.

**Crystal Peak Park** (see page 12): Parking, restroom, pedestrian trail, wildlife viewing.

#### Davis Creek Regional Park

(see page 17):
Access to the
Ophir Creek Trail,
parking, restrooms,
pedestrian and
mountain bike trails,
wildlife viewing.

#### **Dorostkar Park**

(see page 12): Access to the Truckee River bike path, parking, pedestrian and mountain bike trail.

#### East Keystone Canyon trailhead:

Leadership Parkway north of McCarran Boulevard. Access to Peavine Peak, parking, restroom, pedestrian and mountain bike trails.

#### Galena Creek Regional Park

(see page 4-5):
Access to Jones
Creek/Whites Creek
Loop, trails, parking,
restrooms, a nature
trail, pedestrian
and mountain bike
trails, snowshoeing,
wildlife viewing.

#### Golden Eagle Regional Park:

Washoe County will operate a trailhead in this Sparks park that is under construction. Parking, restrooms, pedestrian access to multi-use trails on BLM land. Golden Eagle Regional Park generally will be located south of Vista Drive, east of Wingfield Springs, and is expected to be completed in 2008.

#### Hidden Valley Regional Park

(see page 5-6): Parking; restrooms; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails; wildlife viewing.

#### **Highland Ranch Park:**

(see page 8): The park offers access to BLM land for hiking and views of the Sierra Nevada and Spanish Springs valley.

#### Huffaker Hills trailhead:

Alexander Lake Road off South McCarran Boulevard. Parking, restrooms, pedestrian and mountain bike trails, wildflower viewing.

#### **Hunter Creek trailhead:**

Woodchuck off Juniper Ridge. Parking; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Scheduled to open in 2008.

**Incline Bike Path:** Located at the Incline Recreation Center. Parking, restrooms, pedestrian and bike trails.

#### Jumbo Grade trailhead:

Jumbo Grade Road, east from Eastlake Boulevard, Washoe Valley. Parking; restrooms; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain biking trails; offhighway vehicles.

#### Mayberry Park (see page 14):

Access to the Truckee River bike path and Steamboat Ditch trail, parking, restroom, pedestrian and bike trails.

#### Rancho San Rafael Regional Park

(see page 15):
Access to Peavine
Peak, parking,
restrooms, nature
trail, pedestrian and
mountain bike trails,
wildlife viewing.

#### Silver Knolls Park

(see page 10): Parking; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

### Sun Valley Regional Park (see page 11):

Parking; restrooms; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

Swan Lake Nature Study Area (see page 11): Parking, restroom, pedestrian trail, wildlife viewing.

### Thomas Creek trailhead:

Timberline Drive north of Mount Rose Highway. Parking; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

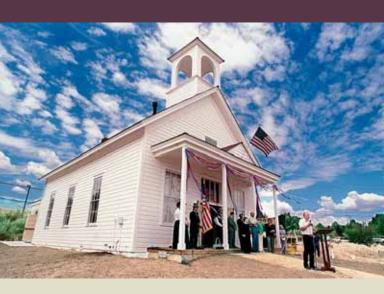
#### Whites Creek

Park (see page 6): Parking; restrooms; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

### Whites Creek trailhead:

Timberline Drive north of Mount Rose Highway. Parking; restroom; pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike trails.

# RENTAL FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS



# RESERVE A WASHOE COUNTY PARKS FACILITY FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION

Your special occasion should be affordable, accessible and unique. Washoe County parks provide ideal settings for weddings and receptions, group picnics, family reunions, meetings and business retreats.







# RESERVING A WASHOE COUNTY PARKS FACILITY

Things to know before you call:

- Our central reservation number is (775) 823-6501.
- Reservations may be made up to one calendar year in advance for most facilities.
- All fees are due at the time a reservation is made.
- Reservations may be made over the phone with a Visa or Mastercard.
- Liability insurance may be required depending on the number of people and whether alcohol is involved. An alcohol permit is not required for events at Washoe County parks.
- Cancellations must be made in writing.

#### WASHOE COUNTY PARKS PROGRAMS ARE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Washoe County
Parks hosts a variety
of entertaining
and informative
programs year-round
to help broaden
understanding and
appreciation for the
region's colorful
history and culture.

# CHILDREN'S NATURE PROGRAMS:

From chasing butterflies to tracking animals in the snow, a variety of nature programs for all age groups are held year-round in our parks. Call your local park or visit the Web site www. washoecountyparks. com.



# ACTIVITIES

#### PARKS AND FACILITIES



### WASHOE COUNTY PARK PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Touching Nature
- Junior Rancho Rangers
- Junior Ranchers
- Kids Night Out
- Winter Funderland
- Family Series
- Junior Snow Rangers program

#### FAMILY FUN

Enjoy a concert from the shade of a tree, take in a magic show under the stars or explore your local parks with a ranger.

# FOLLOWING ARE SOME WASHOE COUNTY PARKS EVENTS:

- Family Golf Day
- Discover Your Parklands program

- Summer Concert Series
- Campfire Series
- Programs from the Porch at Bowers Mansion
- Evenings at the Ranch
- Family Entertainment Series
- Come in from the Cold
- Concert Series
- Teen dances
- Snowboarding trips
- Skateboard series

Check the Washoe County Web site, www.washoe countyparks.com for annual events such as:

- "Fall Back in Time Harvest Festival" at Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- Spring nature exhibit at Wilbur D. May Museum
- Make-a-DifferenceDay at NorthValleys RegionalPark





- Bark at the Water Park at Gaspari Water Play Park
- Lazy 5 Craft Fair
- Sun Valley Health Fair
- North Valley Health Fair

# RECREATION AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

A variety of recreational and educational classes and programs are offered at many of our community centers.

#### SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

School break camps are offered at the Sun Valley and North Valleys community centers. Details: Sun Valley, (775) 674-8555; North Valleys, (775) 971-8561.

# ART AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES

**Exploring Nevada:**The mid-winter series at

the May Museum focuses on Nevada history. **May Gallery at the May Museum:** The changing gallery features local artists.

#### Western Heritage Interpretive

**Center:** The center hosts a cultural museum exhibit in the summer and an autumn photography show each fall.

#### Parks Television

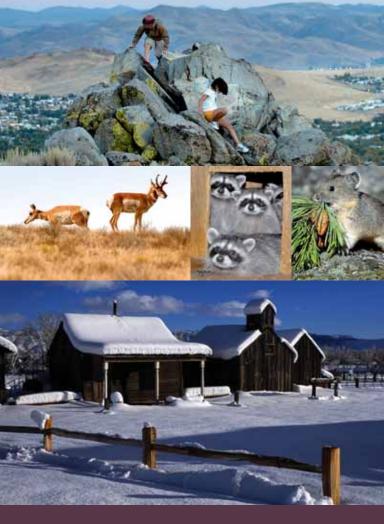
You can visit Washoe County Parks on television. Our series, "Washoe Trails," airs regularly on Washoe County Cable Channel 17 to give you a glimpse of what's happening around the department. For more information about parks, facilities, programs and current events, visit us online at www. washoecountyparks. com.



# Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space

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